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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO CONGRESS

REF: STATE 46674

1. IN REVIEWING HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON SYRIA TO BE
PRESENTED TO CONGRESS WE HAVE NOTED SEVERAL MINOR
POINTS WHICH DEPARTMENT IN ITS DISCRETION MAY WISH
TO NOTE BEFORE HEARING.

2. STATEMENT IN REPORT THAT JEWS ARE NO LONGER
REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR RELIGION STAMPED PROMINENTLY
ON THEIR SYRIAN IDENTITY CARDS IS TRUE BUT MISLEAD-
ING IN THAT IT SUGGESTS THAT SYRIAN JEWS' RELIGION
NO LONGER APPEARS ON IDENTITY CARDS. THIS IS NOT
THE CASE FOR BULK OF COMMUNITY (DAMASCUS 234).

3. REPORT STATES "IN THE CASE OF JEWISH NON-
RETURNEES" POSTED BONDS WOULD BE FORFEITED FOR NON-
RETURN. IN FACT, THIS WOULD BE THE CASE FOR ANY
NON-RETURNEE WHO HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO POST BOND.

4. OUR CONTINUING RESEARCH INTO REGULATIONS AFFECTING
THE SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS UNCOVERED UNCERTAIN-
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TIES REGARDING WHETHER "UNMARRIED JEWISH WOMEN CAN APPLY TO
MARRY DESIGNATED FOREIGNERS AND OBTAIN PASSPORTS TO
JOIN THEIR FIANCES ABROAD." COMMUNITY LEADERS
BELIEVE THAT MARRIAGE CEREMONY WOULD HAVE TO BE PER-
FORMED IN SYRIA BUT ADMIT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CASE
AS YET TO TEST APPLICATION OF THIS REGULATION.

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